

NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH

WHEREAS, in the past 20 years medical science has made great strides in learning about substance use and the nature of addiction; and

WHEREAS, addiction is a chronic, relapsing illness that involves a number of brain chemistry disorders. Treatment for addiction is as effective as treatments for other chronic medical conditions, such as diabetes and high blood pressure; and

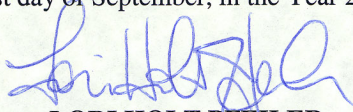
WHEREAS, substance use and addiction result in huge societal and economic costs. It was recently estimated that the cost of untreated addiction in the United States is \$276 billion a year. Clearly, the toll substance abuse takes on the family and friends of the individual battling with addiction is immeasurable, but recovery is possible; and

WHEREAS, *National Alcohol and Drug Addition Recovery Month* celebrates the tremendous strides taken by individuals who have undergone successful treatment, families in recovery, and recognizes those in the treatment field who have dedicated their lives to helping people recover from addiction; and

WHEREAS, this years theme is "We recover Together: Family, Friends, and Community";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LORI HOLT PFEILER, Mayor of the City of Escondido, hereby proclaim the Month of September 2001 to be "**NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH**" in Escondido and encourage all residents to promote the benefits of drug and alcohol addiction treatment and recovery and to support community treatment programs.

DATED this First day of September, in the Year 2001.



**LORI HOLT PFEILER
MAYOR**

